

Amendments to the Specifications:

Please replace paragraphs [0055] and [0056] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0055] In figure 7, the reference characters have the following meanings. 72 is a screen of the development mode of a supervisory program. 73 is a list of the automation modules set up. 74, 75 and 76 are graphical symbols of the automation modules. The screen 72 shows the development mode of the supervisory program of an automation unit. On the screen 72 are ~~symbolic figures~~ graphic symbols 74, 75, 76, which represent synonyms for the installed automation modules. The screen 72 serves for the setup or removal of further automation modules. A list of automation modules 73 is provided for the setting up of the automation modules. An automation module is pulled in simple fashion from a list of the automation modules 73 to the free area of the screen. Then a further ~~symbolic figure~~ graphic symbols such as the figures 74, 75, 76 of the new automation module opens. After a unique name is specified for the new automation module, this automation module is permanently installed. If an automation module is currently being worked on in the sense of program development, the graphical symbol 74 of the automation module 74 is marked.

[0056] In figure 8, the reference characters have the following meanings. 77 is a screen of the runtime mode of a supervisory program. 78, 79 and 80 are graphical symbols of the automation modules. The screen 77 shows the runtime mode of the supervisory program of an automation unit. On the screen 77 are the ~~symbolic figures~~ graphic symbols 78, 79, 80, which represent synonyms for individual automation modules. The screen 77 makes it possible to observe the status of individual automation modules during runtime. The ~~symbolic figures~~ graphic symbols 78, 79 are marked. They indicate that the associated automation modules are currently being executed. The automation module 80 (not marked), in contrast, is in the idle

state. Further items of information about the status of the individual automation modules can be displayed through color-coding of the ~~symbolic figures~~ graphic symbols 78, 79, 80 and/or by text windowing.